UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
-MMD-WGC EST FOR (E PURSUANT OF CIVIL (B);	

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(B), which permits an extension of a filing date "on motion made after the time has expired if the party failed to act because of excusable neglect", Defendant Monty Wilkinson (Defendant), by and through his counsel, Assistant Unites States Attorney Julie Bibb Davis, hereby requests an extension of time to respond to *pro se* Plaintiff Valerie Hollenback's Second Amended Complaint (SAC), which was filed on January 4, 2021. Dkt. No. 30.² Based on the filing date, Defendant's response should have been due on January 18, 2021. *See* Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 15(a)(3). Based on a recent death in counsel for Defendant's family, counsel for Defendant requests a filing extension until February 9, 2021. Counsel for Defendant has communicated via email with Plaintiff Hollenback, who does not object to this request.

Counsel for Defendant requests an extension until February 9, 2021 on the grounds of excusable neglect. *See* Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 6(b)(1)(B). Counsel for Defendant unexpectedly went out on family medical leave on December 21, 2020 due to the severe illness and subsequent hospitalization of a close family member (counsel's mother) who was in the care of counsel. Counsel's mother passed away on January 4, 2021, and counsel has since been on bereavement leave, returning to work on January 25, 2021. During this period of family medical and bereavement leave, counsel was unable to eview email and as a result, overlooked the filing of Plaintiff's SAC. Counsel for Defendant apologizes to the Court, and respectfully requests that the Court permit an extension of Defendant's response until February 9, 2021, on the ground of excusable neglect. *See* Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 6(b)(1)(B).

DATED: January 26, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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² Plaintiff's filing is designated Third Amended Complaint on the docket, but it is the Second Amended Complaint that Plaintiff has filed.

ORDER For good cause shown, and on the ground of excusable neglect on the part of counsel for Defendant, Defendant's unopposed request for an extension of time pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(B) is GRANTED. Defendant's response to Dkt. No. 30 shall be due on or before February 9, 2021. IT IS SO ORDERED. William G. Cobb DATED: January 27, 2021